## **Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools (EANS) Program Update #13**

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Greetings Wisconsin EANS Program Participants and Interested Parties,

The purpose of this email is to provide some key updates regarding the ARP EANS program application process which starts today. This process is happening a couple of weeks later than we had anticipated, but rest assured that no school has missed the application for ARP EANS.

## **Applying for ARP EANS**

As described in the previous update, there are two application "lanes" for ARP EANS:

- 1. <u>Eligible schools</u> currently in CRRSA EANS should have received an ARP EANS application link from DPI today. We ask that you complete the application even if you do not intend to participate; this is an opt in *and* opt out request.
- 2. Schools not in CRRSA EANS that wanted to apply for ARP EANS have requested an application from DPI and should also have received their more thorough application today as well.

All ARP EANS applications will be due no later than December 27, 2021. This will allow DPI and CESA 6 sufficient time to review applications and let schools know if they have been accepted into the program or not. These acceptance and denial letters will be sent by January 7, 2022. We anticipate releasing ARP EANS allocations the second week of January 2022, and that funds will be available to schools through CESA 6 starting January 24, 2022.

For schools not currently in the CRRSA EANS program but have requested an application for ARP EANS, we suggest that you take some time to review some of the great resources available on the CESA 6 (Wisconsin's EANS program administrator) website.

- Program webinar recordings are on this <u>Events & Learning page</u>. The webinars dated April 6 and May 11 may serve as a helpful introduction.
- No reimbursements are allowed in the ARP EANS program, so you do not need to attend to those details.
- You can learn more about allowable expenses on <u>this page</u> (paying attention to the direct service column in the table).

## **Important Reminders**

- ARP EANS only allows direct services, no past or future reimbursements.
- Because CRRSA and ARP EANS are authorized by separate federal laws, they must be
  administered and tracked separately. As such, participating schools will not be able to move
  funds between the two EANS programs. For example, schools cannot request to replace a
  CRRSA EANS expense with ARP EANS funds.
- Similarly, CESA 6 will provide separate forms for schools to use for the two programs.

- The property rules in ARP EANS will be the same as CRRSA EANS, including the retaining of public title to purchased goods and the \$5,000 supply threshold.
- The ARP EANS program is authorized to run for one year longer than CRRSA EANS, per federal law. ARP EANS may run until September 30, 2024.

If you have questions about ARP EANS eligibility or allocations (once released), please email <a href="mailto:EANS@dpi.wi.gov">EANS@dpi.wi.gov</a> and someone from DPI will respond. All other program questions for both CRRSA and ARP EANS should go to <a href="mailto:EANS@CESA6.org">EANS@CESA6.org</a>.

Regards,

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